

REMARKS

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 USC §101 as not falling within one of the four statutory categories of invention.

Claim 22 is amended to comply with §101 by amending the computer-readable medium to be a storage medium.

Claims 14, 15, 18, 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 US 102(e) as being anticipated by US Published Patent Application No. 2003/0164961 to Daly (hereinafter Daly).

Claims 14, 21 and 22 are independent. Claims 15 and 18 depend on claim 14.

Claims 14, 21 and 22 are amended to more explicitly describe the relationship between pixel values. These claims now comprise an element that clearly shows that pixel values in a first dither pattern tile are dispersed from other pixel values in the first dither pattern tile and said pixel values are also dispersed from pixel values in another color channel. This element is not taught in Daly.

Claims 15 and 18 are dependent on claim 14 and are patentable for the reasons stated above in relation to claim 14.

Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner reconsider this rejection in light of the above amendments and argument.

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 US 103(a) as being anticipated by US Published Patent Application No. 2003/0164961 to Daly (hereinafter Daly) in view of US Patent No. 4,758,893 to Lippel (hereinafter Lippel).

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Claim 16 is dependent on claim 14. Claim 14 has been amended, as described above, to comprise an element that is not taught in the combination of Daly and Lippel.

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 US 103(a) as being anticipated by US Published Patent Application No. 2003/0164961 to Daly (hereinafter Daly) in view of US Patent No. 7,110,010 to Masuji (hereinafter Masuji).

Claim 17 is dependent on claim 14. Claim 14 has been amended, as described above, to comprise an element that is not taught in the combination of Daly and Masuji.

Claim 20 is considered allowable subject matter.

In light of the above amendments and arguments, applicant requests that this application be allowed in its currently-amended form.

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